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REMOTE AREA MEDICAL TO DISTRIBUTE WRISTBANDS FOR UPCOMING RAM/LA FREE CLINIC AT THE LOS ANGELES SPORTS ARENA

Wristbands will be Distributed on April 25 for Each Day of the Clinic

LOS ANGELES, April 12, 2010 — Anticipating a high level of demand for this year's free clinic, Remote Area Medical® (RAM) will distribute wristbands in advance of the clinic on April 25 starting at 9 a.m. at the Los Angeles Sports Arena located at 3939 South Figueroa Street in Los Angeles. The weeklong free clinic will run from April 27 to May 3 starting at 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. People must have a wristband to be admitted to the clinic.

"We will distribute numbered wristbands prior to the event to avoid having people stand in line overnight, in particular the elderly or those with children," said Don Manelli, RAM/LA producer. "This way, people can come on their designated day and not worry about long lines just to get in. The wristband is the ticket into the clinic."

Volunteers and RAM staff will distribute the color-coded wristbands for each day of the clinic on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals can choose the day they want to visit the clinic and line up to get a wristband for that particular day. Each family member that would like to receive medical, dental and vision services must be present to receive a wristband. Wristbands are not interchangeable or removable without destroying them, so the person who receives the wristband on the day it is distributed will be the one admitted to the clinic. For young children and those people that have a caregiver, the wristband will be given to the caregiver or parent, but only the patient will be able to receive services. For more information, please visit www.ramfreeclinic.org.

People who are not able to attend and receive a wristband are encouraged to seek care at their local community clinics and County safety net clinics. People in Los Angeles County may also call 211, the county information line, for referrals.

About Remote Area Medical

Founded in 1985 by Stan Brock, Remote Area Medical® is a nonprofit volunteer organization that offers free healthcare services (health, dental and vision care) in underdeveloped countries and in the United States.

RAM has successfully held hundreds of free clinics providing services to thousands of men, women and children.